

winning championships, but it is also about making us proud, proud of them as athletes, as students and as human beings, and Mr. Speaker, it is about maintaining the order of the universe.

THE DREAM HAS COME TRUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, 9 weeks ago, 17 young men from the University of North Carolina stood here on the floor of this chamber. They came here to visit us in Washington and to visit our national Capitol during the ACC tournament.

Today, those same young men are now national champions. In the 3 weeks following their visit to Washington, they went from Chapel Hill to Charlotte to Syracuse to St. Louis where the road to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four ended, and with their reign as national basketball champions began.

As a double graduate of UNC, but more importantly, as a father, I was thrilled to be in St. Louis for the Final Four along with my colleague the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MILLER) and so many others, to witness the Tar Heels' triumph, that I also shared with two Carolina students, my sons, Joshua and Stephen.

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Since they knew many of the Carolina players personally, we were particularly pleased to see this team soar from the agony of an 8 and 20 season 3 years earlier, to a 34 and 4 season that exemplified the very best in the Carolina tradition and the very best in collegiate basketball.

With the return of Coach Roy Williams to his alma mater 2 years ago, a rebuilding program began that ended in a storybook finish. Sean May, the son of one of the best ever in Final Four history, repeated his father's, Scott May's, exploits from the National Championship game of 1976. And Sean, on his birthday, April 4, became the most outstanding player of the 2005 Final Four.

It was a team effort, emblematic of the Carolina way, as former Head Coach Dean Smith would call it. There were a host of heroes:

Raymond Felton, the hard-charging point guard from the little town of Latta, South Carolina, which is just across the border from my small hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, who made the critical free-throws, a steal and a rebound in the closing minutes to seal the victory over the University of Illinois in the championship game.

Rashad McCants, the All America swingman, whose blocked shot and steal and barrage of points against Wisconsin a week earlier in Eastern Regional propelled Carolina to the next level.

Jawad Williams, the senior who could do it all, offensively and defensively, and whose faith and character were a powerful witness.

Jackie Manuel, the 2004 defensive player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference;

Melvin Scott, the senior whose 3-point threat often opened up an opponent's defense;

David Noel, the critical cog in the Tarheels explosive machine off the bench;

Marvin Williams, the fabulous freshman phenomenon whose tip-in put Carolina ahead for good in the championship game; and all the rest of the players managers, trainers, assistant coaches, and other critical staff to whom we are grateful for their example of excellence, their patience, passion, purpose, and persistence, all characteristics that constitute the courage and the commitment of champions.

With five national championships, four of them since the NCAA officially started the tournament, as well as 16 Final Four appearances, 15 ACC tournament titles, and over 1,850 wins, the Carolina way is one that represents the very best of those attributes which so many other colleges and universities emulate.

My wife's sons and I were thrilled in March to host the National Champions at the national capital, and we now look forward to their visit to the White House. And we look forward to that long-awaited National Championship banner, when it is raised in the rafters in the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill this fall.

May God bless those Tarheels. Indeed, the dream has come true for those who wear Carolina blue.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, tonight we have all talked about how sweet and how wonderful it was for the University of North Carolina to be crowned as the NCAA Champions. But Mr. Speaker what makes this team so special is how well they exemplified what it means to be a team.

Winning the five games on their way to claiming their fourth national championship, three different players led the team in scoring and four players led the team in rebounding. Sean May certainly earned the honor of tournament MVP. But the road to the finals required the collective effort of the entire team.

After two easy wins again, Oakland and Iowa, Carolina fans collectively held their breath when the referee's whistle blew in the final seconds against Villanova. Fear of a shooting foul turned into the joy of a traveling

call against Villanova, and the Heels held on for the one-point win. A strong game against Wisconsin then sent Carolina on to the final game in St. Louis.

The game brought together the two best teams in the country. It was a fitting finale to a memorable season and an exciting NCAA tournament. Fittingly, the game was full of tension and drama until the waning seconds. Illinois showed the perseverance and will that had resulted in 37 wins, while Carolina showed the determination, the unity, and the cohesion needed to overcome a team that went undefeated for much of the season.

This Carolina team, Mr. Speaker, would have made Dean Smith proud, because they won using a primary tenet of his Carolina way: They shared the ball and they played unselfishly. By playing as a team, they led the Nation in scoring and assists, and they played at a pace very few teams could manage.

Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, my congratulations go to Coach Williams and to every member of the University of North Carolina basketball team. You have made us proud across our State and you have shown us the great benefit of working as a team. Congratulations and best wishes.

TRIBUTE TO ANSLEY MEADERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of my late friend and the former Mayor of Marietta, Georgia, Mrs. Ansley Little Meaders.

Known for her quick wit, gracious hugs and dedication to her community, Ansley committed herself to making a difference for the City of Marietta and its schools.

Born on one of Marietta's oldest families, Ansley graduated from Marietta High School in 1964 where she was a star on the girl's basketball team. After attending the University of Georgia, she married her high school sweetheart, Frank Meaders, and followed in her father's footsteps and spent more than 20 years in banking.

Upon the passing of former Marietta Mayor Joe Mack Wilson, Ansley was drafted by many to seek election for the city's top job. She won a special election in the summer of 1993, and was reelected twice more, thus serving for more than 8 years, making her the third longest serving Marietta mayor.

Ansley had a different approach to politics. She was determined not to allow any sort of partisanship to label her. When asked whether she was a Republican or a Democrat, she was quick to respond that she was a Presbyterian.

While mayor of Marietta, Ansley was known for her love of and dedication to

the city's school system. I had the honor, Mr. Speaker, as serving as chairman of the Marietta School Board during that time, and I experienced firsthand the compassion and commitment she had for the schools.

In 1984, Ansley conceived the idea of Marietta's Schools Foundation, an organization to support the teachers and the students of Marietta. As the organization's president, Ansley presented the Distinguished Alumni Award at nearly every Marietta High School graduation ceremony for more than 20 years. And each year she urged graduating seniors to be loyal to their alma mater, to their community, and to the valued friendships created at Marietta High.

As the city's leader, Ansley was successful in lowering taxes and improving city services, building a new courthouse, adding two new fire stations, and constructing a new police headquarters. Even with all of her accomplishments, she remained a gracious and humble leader.

Two weeks ago, on May 4, 2005, Ansley Meaders suffered a fatal heart attack while cooking dinner in her home. This devastating news fell over the community like a dark cloud, Mr. Speaker. One of our greatest community members had slipped away from us. She leaves behind her husband of more than 40 years, Frank, two children, Mary Ansley and Robert, and four precious grandchildren, Rosser, Georgia, Trey and Hunter; and an entire community who loved her dearly.

After only 59 years, Ansley's life and physical presence in her beloved Marietta, Georgia, has ended. But, Mr. Speaker, her passing leaves Marietta with a legacy of service, dedication, and humble leadership that will remain for generations to come. God bless Mayor Ansley Meaders.

CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WATERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, CAFTA, the United States Central American Free Trade Agreement, is yet another unfair trade deal that will hurt American workers. CAFTA is the latest unfair trade deal in a decade of failed trade policies. Over the last 12 years, the United States trade deficit has exploded from \$39 billion in 1992 to over \$618 billion in 2004. If CAFTA becomes effective, the result will be fewer jobs for American workers.

CAFTA is modeled on NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, which had and continues to have a devastating impact on many American workers. When NAFTA was passed in 1994, the United States had a \$2 billion trade surplus with Mexico. In 2004, we had a \$45 billion trade deficit in Mexico. That means our trade deficit with Mexico increased by an average of \$4.7 billion per year over the last 10

years. As a result of NAFTA, the United States has been exporting American jobs to Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, the countries of Central America already receive preferential trade benefits. About 80 percent of exports from CAFTA countries enter the United States duty free. If CAFTA is passed, 100 percent of nontextile manufactured goods from Central America will enter the United States duty free.

CAFTA supporters like to claim that CAFTA will create new markets for American products, but this argument is highly flawed. The six countries of Central America, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic are among the world's smallest economies. These six countries have a combined economic output of only \$85 billion. My home city, Metropolitan Los Angeles, with a \$411 billion economy, produces nearly five times the volume of goods and services as the CAFTA countries. The CAFTA countries are simply just too small to absorb a significant quantity of American manufactured goods.

Unfortunately, the countries of Central America also are among the poorest countries. The average Nicaraguan worker earns only \$2,300 per year, or about \$191 per month. Forty percent of Central American workers earn less than \$2 per day. Central American workers simply cannot afford to buy American cars from Ohio or American computers from California.

Mr. Speaker, I have spent much of my time in Congress working on the issue of debt relief for poor countries. Two of the CAFTA countries, Honduras and Nicaragua, are included in my legislation, H.R. 1130, The Jubilee Act, which cancels the debts that poor countries owe to multilateral institutions like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. In 2004, Nicaragua paid these institutions \$107 million in debt service payments. That is \$107 million that Nicaraguans could not spend on American products. As long as these countries remain heavily indebted and deeply impoverished, their people will never be able to afford American products made by American workers.

Any way you look at it, CAFTA is a one-sided deal that offers limited benefits to foreign workers at a tremendous cost to American workers. The only service these six teeny Central American countries can provide to the United States is cheap labor. It is no surprise, then, that the largest share of U.S. exports to the CAFTA countries consist of fabric. This fabric is stitched into clothing and shipped right back to the United States where it is sold to American consumers.

CAFTA is not a free-trade agreement at all, it is an outsourcing agreement. It allows profit-hungry corporations to shift American jobs to impoverished countries, where workers can be forced to work long hours for little pay and no benefits. It is a bad deal for Central American workers and it is an even

worse deal for workers here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, American workers need good jobs that pay good wages. They do not need another NAFTA. I urge my colleagues to join me in defeating CAFTA.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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VOTE NO ON CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) for her eloquence in opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement. She obviously understands this much better than some of my other colleagues who have not been so eloquent and thoughtful in their comments about this agreement.

I rise tonight to address the House about the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Last year President Bush signed the Central American Free Trade Agreement, a one-sided plan, as the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) said, that will lead to more outsourcing. That is what this plan is all about, and not a plan to export American products or help American industry. It is a one-sided plan to benefit multinational corporations at the expense of the United States and Central American workers, small businesses and farmers.

Every trade agreement negotiated by this administration has been ratified by Congress within 65 days of its signing. In other words, when President Bush's United States trade representative negotiated the Moroccan trade agreement, when the President signed the Australia trade agreement, the Singapore trade agreement and the Chilean trade agreement, all four of those trade agreements, upon signature of the President, were voted on by this Congress and passed within 60 days.

The Central American Free Trade Agreement, which we will discuss for a few moments tonight, has languished in Congress for nearly 1 year without a vote because this wrong-headed trade